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**REPRESENTATIVE KAMIA BROWN TO SPONSOR BILL THAT
REQUIRES FELONY INTERROGATIONS TO BE RECORDED**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – State Representative Kamia Brown (D-Orlando) has sponsored [HB 453](#), which would offer additional enforcements requiring the recording in full of interrogations for felony offenses. Under the terms of the bill, the entire interrogation must be recorded, due warning must be given before the interrogation included in the recording, and with the person being recorded knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily waiving his or her rights. All persons in the recording must also be identified.

This bill will assist the prosecution, as well as protect the innocent, while reducing court costs and helping to build trust between law enforcement and those under investigation.

It is also important to note that the fiscal impact of this bill will be small as most police departments can easily acquire or already possess the equipment needed. Grant programs and cooperation between jurisdictions can help those departments who are in need.

“Transparency for all parties is vital to ensuring the integrity of any law enforcement investigation,” noted **Representative Kamia Brown**. “Having a videotape of the full interrogation allows both law enforcement and those under investigation certainty that everyone is being held accountable for their words and actions. This is commonsense legislation that will help to streamline the process of interrogations throughout the state.”

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